



DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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CE/DEC/1 (XLV)

Adoption of the agenda

Agenda item 1
(documents CE/45/1 prov. and CE/45/1 prov.annot.)

The Executive Council,

Having considered a procedural motion concerning the provisional agenda presented by the Italian delegation pursuant to rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council,

Having decided, at the request of the Italian delegation, to hold a secret ballot to decide upon the procedural motion it had presented,

Having heard the proposal of the Moroccan delegation to bring forward consideration of item 9 and to include it in the final agenda as item 2,

Noting that a majority of delegations were in favour of considering at the present session all the items on the provisional agenda,

Decides to adopt the agenda of its forty-fifth session, as amended according to the proposal of the Moroccan delegation.

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CE/DEC/2 (XLV)

Recommendation by the Executive Council to the General Assembly of a nominee for the post of Secretary-General for the period 1994-1997

Agenda item 2
(documents CE/45/9 and CE/45/9 Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Recalling Article 12(c) of the Statutes and rule 29(1) of its Rules of Procedure,

Having held a private meeting pursuant to rule 29(2) of its Rules of Procedure and the pertinent provisions of decision 17(XXIII) taken at its twenty-third session and 19(XXXIV) taken at its thirty-fourth session,

Having proceeded during this meeting to a secret ballot in accordance with the guiding principles for the conduct of elections by secret ballot annexed to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

Noting that the secret ballot showed a majority (seventeen to four with twenty-one Members present and voting) in favour of Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac (Mexico),

Decides to recommend the General Assembly to appoint Mr. Antonio Enríquez Savignac to the post of Secretary-General of the Organization for the period 1994-1997.

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CE/DEC/3 (XLV)

Report of the Secretary-General

Agenda item 3
(document CE/45/2)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General,

1. Takes note of the recent trends in international tourism and its prospects for growth;
2. Expresses its appreciation at the results attained by the Organization in recent months and the contribution of the Secretariat staff to their attainment;
3. Takes note of the prospective activities of the Organization between now and the end of the current biennium and of the policy objectives proposed for the years 1994 and 1995; and
4. Approves the report of the Secretary-General.

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CE/DEC/4 (XLV)

General programme of work for the period 1992-1993

Agenda item 4

(documents CE/45/3(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f), CE/45/3(a) Add.1
CE/45/3(b) Corr.1, CE/45/3(b) Add.1, CE/45/3(b) Add.2
and CE/45/3(f) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the reports on education and training, marketing and promotion, environment and development, and facilitation and liberalization submitted by the Secretary-General to the present session,

Recalling its decisions 5(XLIV), 6(XLIV), 7(XLIV) and 8(XLIV),

Having considered the favourable advisory opinion of the Selection Committee of the WTO Education and Training Centres on the admission of Bogaziçi University (Turkey) as a WTO Centre,

1. Decides to recommend the General Assembly to admit Bogaziçi University as a WTO Centre;
2. Invites the Secretary-General to continue his examination of other pending applications for admission to the network of Centres and Cooperating Institutions; and
3. Requests him to inform its forty-sixth session of the results of this examination;

Aware of the growing importance of distance learning programmes for tourism education and training,

4. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out an evaluation of WTO's distance learning programme for its forty-sixth session;

Having noted that the Recommendations of the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics (Ottawa, 1991) were adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session (New York, March 1993),

5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with taking appropriate steps, in cooperation with the Steering Committee on Statistics, which is due to meet at Headquarters on 8 and 9 July 1993, to follow up this favourable decision which highlights the major role of WTO in the field of travel and tourism statistics;

6. Approves the preparation by the Secretariat of technical manuals on the collection, processing and analysis of tourism statistics, as well as the organization of sub-regional meetings, which will assist countries, and the developing countries in particular, in implementing the Ottawa Recommendations;

Having been informed that a French documentation specialist visited WTO's Documentation Centre to assess its organization and make recommendations for its future development,

7. Requests the Secretary-General to present to its forty-sixth session the approach he intends to take to development of the Documentation Centre;

Having noted with interest the steps taken by the United Nations to implement the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in June 1992, in particular the creation of a Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD),

Having been informed that WTO was represented at the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (Nairobi, May 1993),

8. Entrusts the Secretary-General with maintaining the necessary contacts with the United Nations bodies concerned so as to ensure that the UNCED decisions are followed up in the Organization's future activities; and
9. Notes with satisfaction that implementation of Agenda 21 principles for sustainable tourism development has been included in the agenda of the sixth meeting of the Environment Committee, which will take place at Headquarters on 1 and 2 June 1993.

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CE/DEC/5(XLV)

General programme of work for the period 1992-1993

(a) Technical cooperation

Agenda item 4(a)
(documents CE/45/3(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and CE/45/3(a) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of and discussed the report of the Secretary-General on the Organization's technical cooperation activities,

Recalling its decisions 3(XLIII) and 4(XLIV) on this subject,

1. Notes the progress since its forty-fourth session of the missions and projects carried out or under way;
2. Decides to continue to monitor carefully, in the coming months, the development of the context within which the Organization carries out its technical cooperation activities, especially within the United Nations system;
3. Reminds Members that it is important that the national tourism administrations of countries receiving international assistance endeavour to ensure that tourism is included among their governments' priorities in terms of the external assistance, both multilateral and bilateral, that their countries receive;
4. Requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts with a view to establishing relations of cooperation with the financial institutions that, besides the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), provide assistance to the developing countries; and
5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it again on this subject at its forty-sixth session.

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 CE/DEC/6(XLV)

General programme of work for the period 1992-1993

(f) Activities by region

Agenda item 4(f)
 (documents CE/45/3(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) and CE/45/3(f) Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the breakdown by region of the Organization's programme activities,

1. Confirms that it wishes the Organization to maintain an active presence in the field;
2. Desires that regional activities should be increasingly considered an integral part of the Organization's programme of work;

Having been informed of the proposals received by the Secretariat from countries prepared to host a pilot regional support office in Asia,

3. Expresses its sincere gratitude to the Government of Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Indonesia for their generous proposals; and
4. Entrusts the Secretary-General with continuing his consultations following the guidelines set forth in its decision 13(XLIV) and with reporting back to it at its forty-sixth session so that it can forward a proposal to the General Assembly, on which the Assembly may take a decision at its tenth session.

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CE/DEC/7(XLV)

Administrative and financial matters

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation and plan of expenditure for 1993

Agenda items 5(a) and (b)
(documents CE/45/4(a), CE/45/4(a) Add.1, CE/45/4(a) Add.2
and CE/45/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Organization, and

Having heard the statements by the Secretariat and the Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance,

1. Takes note of the report on the plan of expenditure for 1993 for execution of the general programme of work, which matches expenditure to expected income;
2. Notes that the plan of expenditure for the current financial year remains within the limit of the appropriations approved by the General Assembly for this purpose;
3. Urges Members that have not yet complied with their financial obligations to take the necessary steps to pay their contributions for 1993 as soon as possible, avoiding delays that could hamper programme execution;

- 4. Approves, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Staff Regulations and Rules and the recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission,
 - (a) the revised salary scale and allowances for general service staff, effective 1 January 1993;
 - (b) the incorporation of part of the post adjustment into the base salary resulting in new salary scales for the professional and higher categories, effective 1 March 1993, with the corresponding adjustment in the percentages used for calculating the staff assessment deductible from gross salaries; and
 - (c) the adjustment of the education grants, applicable to the current academic year, and of the family allowances;

Having been informed of the request received from Panama for total or partial exemption from its debt,

Considering that there is no provision in the existing Regulations for the cancellation of debts contracted in respect of contributions,

- 5. Agrees in principle that, should the Government of Panama so request, that country should benefit from the flexibility the Organization has always shown in accepting the payment plans submitted to it by Members;
- 6. Decides not to accede to its request for cancellation of its debt; and
- 7. Requests the Secretary-General to propose to this Member the possibility of discharging its debt in instalments.

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CE/DEC/8 (XVL)

Administrative and financial matters

(c) Auditors' report and administrative accounts for the financial year 1992

Agenda item 5(c)
(documents CE/45/4(c) and CE/45/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having before it the reports of the Auditors and of the Committee on Budget and Finance on the accounts for the financial year 1992,

1. Notes that, in the financial year 1992, a real balance was maintained between budgetary expenditure and income;
2. Expresses concern over the persistently low rate of collection of contributions for the year;
3. Expresses its satisfaction at the high level of arrear contributions collected;
4. Recommends the Secretary-General accordingly to pursue his approaches in 1993 to Members owing contributions to the Organization, in order to reach agreement with them for the payment of their arrears;
5. Requests the Secretary-General to transmit to the General Assembly, with the favourable opinion of the Council, the administrative accounts for the financial year 1992; and
6. Expresses its appreciation to the Auditors for their report.

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CE/DEC/9 (XLV)

Administrative and financial matters

(d) Closing of the audited administrative accounts of the eighth financial period (1990-1991)

Agenda item 5(d)
(documents CE/45/4(d) and CE/45/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Considering document CE/45/4(d) reporting on the financial result of the audited accounts of the eighth financial period (1990-1991) and document CE/45/4(b) referring thereto,

1. Notes that the closing of the accounts for the period on 31 December 1992 reveals a surplus balance of 133,760 dollars;

Having heard the proposal of the Moroccan delegation, supported by many other delegations, concerning the use of the surplus balance from the financial period under review,

2. Recommends the General Assembly to authorize the allocation of this surplus to increase the budgetary resources devoted to education and training activities.

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CE/DEC/10(XLV)

Administrative and financial matters

(e) Application of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes

Agenda item 5(e)
(documents CE/45/4(e) and CE/45/4(b))

The Executive Council,

Having noted the application of the provisions of Article 34 of the Statutes and paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes to the Members listed in document CE/45/4(e),

Having been informed of the Members benefiting from suspension of the provisions of Article 34 and/or paragraph 13 of the Financing Rules attached to the Statutes,

1. Notes that the Full Members ECUADOR, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC and VENEZUELA have complied fully or in part with their payment plans;
2. Requests the Secretary-General to inform it whether the Full Members LEBANON and YEMEN and the Affiliate Member TOURCONSULT INTERNATIONAL, S.A. have fulfilled the undertakings they made so that it may decide at its next session whether to reapply to them the provisions of Article 34 and paragraph 13; and
3. Invites Members in arrears with their contributions to the Organization to submit payment plans to the Secretary-General with a view to discharging their debts.

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CE/DEC/11(XLV)

Draft programme of work and budget for the period 1994-1995

Agenda item 6
(documents CE/45/5(a), CE/45/5(a) Add.1, CE/45/5(b) and CE/45/5(c))

The Executive Council,

Having examined the draft general programme of work and budget of the Organization for the period 1994-1995, prepared by the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of Article 23(2) of the Statutes,

Recalling that the draft programme reflects the guidelines adopted at its forty-fourth session for the preparation of the new programme,

Considering that the draft programme was drawn up following wide consultations so as to reflect the proposals of the membership as a whole,

Having studied the reports of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance,

Satisfied that the draft programme budget reflects sound financial principles and the same cost-containment measures as the programme budget of the present biennium,

Taking into account the suggestions made by several delegations concerning the structure of proposed programmes in the areas of regional representation, communications, cooperation for development and quality support services,

1. Thanks the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Committee on Budget and Finance for the quality of their reports;
2. Approves on this basis the draft general programme of work for the period 1994-1995;
3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to its forty-sixth session all additional information likely to produce a change in appropriations due to application of the United Nations operational rate of exchange in force during September 1993, which will enable it to recommend to the Assembly the revised amount of the budget for 1994-1995, and as a consequence, Members' contributions for the above-mentioned period;
4. Endorses the recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Finance to limit to a threshold of 25 per cent the upward or downward variations that could occur in contributions during the next biennium compared to the current period;
5. Recommends the General Assembly on these bases to adopt the draft programme of work and budget for the period 1994-1995, which is submitted to it;
6. Agrees that the Committee on Budget and Finance should be entrusted with a general review of the operation of the Lusaka formula, as revised by the eighth session of the General Assembly (Paris, 1989); and

7. Approves the suggestions made by some delegations that various hypotheses concerning the development of the Organization's budget should be presented when the Council considers budgetary guidelines for the 1996-1997 period.
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CE/DEC/12 (XLV)

**Future of the Organization and relations with
the United Nations system; legal and statutory
development of the Organization**

Agenda item 7
(documents CE/45/6 and CE/45/6 Add.1)

The Executive Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 265(VIII),

Recalling also its decisions 15(XXXVIII), 9(XXXIX), 10(XL), 8(XLI), 13(XLIII) and 11(XLIV),

Having held a policy debate on the future of WTO and in particular on the possibility of its becoming a specialized agency of the United Nations,

1. Takes note of the report on the legal and statutory development of the Organization submitted by the Secretary-General;
2. Decides to set up a Select Group of persons, designated from among the delegations of Council Members¹, to study the institutional, administrative and financial implications of the proposals contained in said report;
3. Requests interested Members of the Council and the representatives of WTO staff members to forward their views to the Select Group for due consideration;

¹This Group will comprise:

- Mrs. Beatriz CANAL DE BARCO (Colombia)
- Mrs. Zahia DADI ESSAKALI (Morocco)
- Mr. Tony GLYNN (Canada)
- Mr. A.K. GUPTA (India)
- Miss Laurice HLASS (Jordan)
- Mr. Emile MANDOUKOU (Gabon)
- Mr. Nicolas METTRA (Chairman of the CBF)

4. Requests this Select Group to report to it by the end of July 1993 at the latest, so that it may adopt final decisions and recommendations at its forty-sixth session;
 5. Entrusts the Secretary-General with circulating the report CE/45/6 to all the Full Members of the Organization, within the statutory time-limits, as a General Assembly document; and
 6. Invites the Secretary-General to pursue his consultations concerning the improvement of the post-retirement social benefits of staff members and to keep it informed of the outcome of those consultations.
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CE/DEC/13 (XLV)

Affiliate Members

- (a) Report of the Chairman
- (b) Activities of the Affiliate Members

Agenda items 8(a) and (b)
(document CE/45/7(a)(b))

The Executive Council,

Having heard the report of the Chairman of the Affiliate Members on the activities of those Members,

1. Welcomes the increasingly active role played by the Affiliate Members in the execution of their programme of work;
2. Notes with satisfaction the activities carried out by the Regional Secretariat of the Affiliate Members for the Americas, and in particular those aimed at enhancing awareness of WTO in that region;
3. Thanks the Chairman of the Affiliate Members for his report;
4. Takes note with interest of the consultations under way with the Spanish Government with a view to setting up a Permanent Secretariat of Affiliate Members at the Organization's Headquarters; and

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the Chairman of the Affiliate Members, to undertake an analysis of the criteria for affiliate membership and to submit conclusions to it.

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CE/DEC/14 (XLV)

Affiliate Members

(c) Report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership

Agenda item 8(c)
(documents CE/45/7(c) and CE/45/7(c) Corr.1)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the report of the Sub-Committee for the review of applications for affiliate membership, which met on 19 May 1993 under the chairmanship of Jordan and in conjunction with its forty-fifth session,

1. Endorses the recommendations of the Sub-Committee;
2. Decides that, pursuant to Assembly resolution 279(IX), the following applicants are admitted provisionally to affiliate membership of the Organization:
 - Air Canada
 - Association des hôtels du Grand Montréal (Canada)
 - Association of Greek Tourist Enterprises (Greece)
 - Baltic Tourism Corporation
 - BBS Tourism and Travel International (Pvt) Ltd. (Sri Lanka)
 - Bermuda College Faculty of Hotel and Business Administration/Centre for Tourism Research and Innovation (Bermuda)
 - Chr. Hogeschool Noord Nederland, Sector Economie (Netherlands)
 - Ecole de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Collège LaSalle, Montréal, Québec (Canada)

- Euro Disney S.C.A. (France)
- Fédération des Grands Tours du Monde
- Fundación Universidad "Perito Moreno" (Argentina)
- Greene Belfield-Smith Division, Touche Ross Management Consultants (United Kingdom)
- International Federation of Tour Operators (IFTO)
- Intourist Holding Company (Russian Federation)
- Iraqi Airways (Iraq)
- Office des congrès et du tourisme du Grand Montréal (Canada)
- Pannell Kerr Forster (United Kingdom)
- Texas A&M University, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences (United States of America)
- Tourism Development and Education Foundation (TUGEV) (Turkey)
- Tours Brasil Ltda. (Brazil)
- University of Denver, School of Hospitality Management and Tourism (United States of America)
- VAO "Intourist" (Russian Federation)
- Via Rail Canada Inc. (Canada)

3. Decides to submit these applications to the General Assembly for approval at its tenth session.

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CE/DEC/15(XLV)

**Report on preparations for the tenth session
of the General Assembly**

Agenda item 9
(documents CE/45/8 and CE/45/8 Corr.2)

The Executive Council,

Having considered the Secretary-General's report on the preparations for the tenth session of the General Assembly, to be held at Bali, Indonesia from 30 September to 9 October 1993,

Having heard with satisfaction the statement by the representative of Indonesia concerning the preparation of the Bali General Assembly,

Reiterates its appreciation to the Indonesian authorities for the efforts already made to ensure the success of General Assembly session in Bali.

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CE/DEC/16(XLV)

Place and date of the forty-sixth session of the Council

Agenda item 10

The Executive Council

1. Decides to hold its forty-sixth session in conjunction with the tenth session of the General Assembly on 1 October 1993 in Bali, Indonesia;
2. Takes note of the kind invitation of Algeria to hold its forty-eighth session in that country;

Having reached the conclusion of its forty-fifth session,

Having heard a proposal by the delegate of Jordan,

3. Commends the Chairman (Cameroon) of its forty-fifth session on the outstanding manner in which he presided over the Council's deliberations; and
4. Thanks the two Vice-Chairmen (Uruguay and Finland) for their able assistance and support throughout the proceedings.

4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The forty-fifth session of the Executive Council was attended by:

1. Delegates of the following Members of the Council: Algeria, Argentina, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Finland, Gabon, Greece, India, Italy, Jordan, Lesotho, Morocco, Nigeria, Poland, Republic of Korea, Turkey, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Spain as privileged Member.
2. The representatives of the following member States: Angola, Austria, Belgium, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, France, Hungary, Israel, Japan, Mauritania, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation and United States of America.
3. The Chairmen of the following Regional Commissions: Americas (Chile), East Asia and the Pacific (Indonesia), Middle East (Egypt) and South Asia (India).
4. The representative of the Affiliate Members (Club Méditerranée).
5. The Chairman of the Committee on Budget and Finance (France).
6. The Chairman of the Technical Committee for Programme and Coordination (Venezuela).
7. The Auditor (Spain) also attended this session.

